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PREVENTING NETWORK ATTACKS BY
AUTHENTICATING INTERNET CONTROL
MESSAGE PROTOCOL PACKETS

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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In reply to the first Office Action mailed June 15, 2007, the shortened statutory period for which runs until September 15, 2007, applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the subject application in light of the remarks herein.

Claims 1-28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Talpade et al., U.S. Pub. No. 2004/0148520 (“*Talpade*”) in view of Fan et al., U.S. Pat. No. 6,219,706 (“*Fan*”). The rejections are respectfully traversed.

The Office Action fails to present a prima facie case of unpatentability of claims 1-28 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) because *Fan* is not citable in this application under 35 U.S.C. §103(c)(1) and must be removed as a reference.

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